

AN ACT

relating to the requirement that certain state and local governmental entities designate a firearms proficiency officer and require weapons proficiency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 1701.355, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An agency that employs one or more [~~at least two~~] peace officers shall designate a firearms proficiency officer and require each peace officer the agency employs to demonstrate weapons proficiency to the firearms proficiency officer at least annually. The agency shall maintain records of the weapons proficiency of the agency's peace officers.

SECTION 2. A law enforcement agency affected by the change in law made by this Act shall designate a firearms proficiency officer not later than March 1, 2010. For purposes of this section, a state or local governmental entity that employs one or more peace officers is a law enforcement agency.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1303 passed the Senate on April 21, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1303 passed the House on May 15, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor